



Light reading

Conservation News

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40 YEARS OF CONSERVATION

In 1976, the City of Seattle decided not to participate in the building of nuclear electrical plants and decided to address possible energy shortages by energy conservation instead. In 1977, Robin Calhoun, City Light's first conservation manager, started a conservation project that soon became a national model.



Four decades later, Calhoun's work — and the foresight of the people of Seattle — continues to pay off for City Light's customers. Conservation helps save you money, and your conservation efforts contribute to a clean, green Seattle.

IT ALL ADDS UP

Colder weather systems and shorter days are here. During this season, electric bills can climb higher than any other. Stay comfortable at a cost that works for you by taking charge of your winter bill.

We built a list of common household items to help you see how costs add up. Mark the items you use at right and then visit seattle.gov/light/winter-home to use the Department of Energy's calculator to figure out how much you're spending on each item. You'll also find other tips to save energy when you visit the site.

COLD WEATHER BRINGS HIGH ENERGY COSTS

During cold weather, take advantage of the sun's warmth by keeping drapes open during daylight hours and closing them at night.

For more money and energy-saving tips, visit seattle.gov/light/renterscorner.

RENTER'S CORNER

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- ☐ TV
 - ☐ Cable Box
 - ☐ Lighting
 - ☐ Electric Space Heater
 - ☐ Home Heating
 - ☐ Shower
 - ☐ Clothes Washer
 - ☐ Dryer
 - ☐ Toaster
 - ☐ Microwave
 - ☐ Coffee Maker
 - ☐ Game Console
 - ☐ Computer/Laptop



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TAKE WINTER BY STORM

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER WEATHER?

Take Winter by Storm is a public-private effort to protect life and property by raising awareness about the hazards of stormy winter weather. Seattle City Light is proud to be a contributing member. Winter preparedness can be summarized in three simple steps:

Build a kit

Create an emergency preparedness kit with (at the very least) a three-day supply of non-perishable food and water for your home and office. It's also wise to prepare kits for road travel and winter weather evacuation.

Make a plan

What will you do if a disaster causes you to lose power for a week? Make a plan and practice it with those who depend on you.

Stay informed

Be aware of when storm systems are approaching so you can be prepared, and make sure that you know what to do in an emergency.

Take Winter by Storm has resources and checklists to help you prepare everything you need for winter preparedness. Visit takewinterbystorm.org to learn more.

KEEP THE HOLIDAYS WARM & BRIGHT

At this time of year, many in our community put on warm-hearted holidays celebrations. Unfortunately, not everyone can maintain a warm home.

Seattle City Light's Project Share is a customer-supported program that gives one-time emergency assistance grants to those in need. If you choose to donate to Project Share, your contribution could keep the lights on for your most vulnerable neighbors.

Want to help? Donate to Project Share online at seattle.gov/light/ProjectShare/shareform.asp. You can also send in a check payable to Project Share at this address:

City of Seattle Treasury Services
P.O. Box 34017
Seattle, WA 98124-101.

On behalf of City Light and Project Share recipients, thank you.



IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: CITY LIGHT @ WORK



Crews are in these neighborhoods, working to provide reliable service:

- Various South Seattle neighborhoods: replacing aging utility poles to help improve and upgrade electrical reliability;
- Blue Ridge/North Beach: installing underground conduits to improve electrical service and allow for shorter restoration times;
- South Lake Union/Denny Triangle: installing underground vaults and duct banks in advance of the new substation;
- Pioneer Square: increasing electrical reliability by connecting and repairing underground conduits in support of the Seattle Streetcar network;
- SODO/Industrial District: replacing aging utility poles, overhead wire and equipment to help upgrade the existing electrical system;
- Central Waterfront: relocating transmission lines from underneath the Alaskan Way Viaduct in preparation for its demolition.

This is a partial list. For details go to seattle.gov/light/atwork and click on an orange cone to learn about individual projects.



SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD

"Winter storms sometimes lead to downed power lines. If you see a power line on the ground, always assume it is electrified. Stay at least 20 feet away and call 911 or our outage line at (206) 684-3000. We'll send a crew out to take care of it."

-Jerry Rodriguez,
Electrician Constructor

